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'No on 22' drive launched here

N. Cal. unionists hail McGovern

Anti-union measure's claim on elections bared as fraud



500 UNIONISTS gave Democratic Presidential candidate George McGovern a standing ovation at last week's Northern California rally by the

Labor Committee for McGovern-Shriver. McGovern is shown making his way through the crowd to the speaker's stand.

Senators George S. McGovern and Hubert H. Humphrey—rivals in June for California's Democratic convention delegates—came back to the state last week, united in their determination that McGovern will overturn Richard Nixon at the November 7 Presidential election.

They got a roaring welcome from more than 500 labor representatives at a San Francisco rally September 26 of the Northern California Labor Committee for McGovern-Shriver.

McGovern, a fighting underdog to the heavily financed Nixon campaign, told the labor men and women:

"This government is not a government of, by or for the

About those polls

San Francisco Mayor Joseph L. Alioto, who handily defeated Republican Harold Dobbs in 1967, told last week's labor rally for George McGovern this about opinion polls:

"When I ran for mayor in 1967, the polls five weeks before election were 43 per cent for Dobbs, 17 per cent for Alioto.

"But I had something going for me—I had the united labor movement. And we're going to win again."

people but this government of Mr. Nixon is a government of

the special interests, by the special interests and for the special interests.

"And this country simply cannot stand another four years of it."

Humphrey noted that, as the defeated candidate for the Democratic nomination, "I could have sat out this contest but to do so would be to let you down."

"If you have to work for the money you live on," Humphrey said, "you can't afford to have four more years of Richard Nixon in the White House."

"If you live on the Nixon administration's high interest, if you play the market—maybe get inside information—or live off accumulated wealth, maybe

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Fremont 'no-growth' stymied—for now

Building trades labor's fight against East Bay "no growth" was a case of win some, lose some, the Alameda County Building Trades Council learned this week.

On the plus side, Hayward Carpenters Local 1622 Business Agent Luther Curry reported, some 400 craftsmen jammed the Fremont city council chambers last week and the council took no action on a proposed building moratorium.

On the minus side, BTC President Al Thoman reported, last week's State Supreme Court ruling that all substantial building projects cannot proceed without a detailed environmental impact survey and report has shelved millions of dollars worth of building indefinitely.

The State Supreme Court ruling means that local governments must conduct such sur-

veys under the so-called Knox Act. The law's author, Richmond Democratic Assemblyman John Knox, has said that approval could still be issued if a report showed adverse effects.

Major immediate result of the court ruling, however, has been a virtual moratorium on big developments, Thoman said, noting shelving of two dam projects totalling \$120,000,000.

In Fremont, rank-and-file building workers filled the city council chamber September 26 and the council discussed but took no action on a "controlled building" proposal to limit permits in some areas.

"No growth" is not dead," Curry warned, noting that a slowdown on building permits cut August building in Fremont to some \$2,900,000 against better than \$8,000,000 in August, 1971.

One big developer has abandoned plans for a motel, citing "difficulty of working with the Fremont Planning Department," Curry disclosed.

Efforts are underway to have Pleasanton and Livermore businessmen warn Fremont city officials of the disastrous "no-growth" effect on business.

Meany bans stand on Nixon

AFL-CIO President George Meany this week ordered the California Labor Council on Political Education to rescind its resolution calling for the defeat November 7 of Richard Nixon for "the good of labor and nation."

State COPE will meet Thursday, October 19 in a special convention in Sacramento to act on Meany's communication.

All state COPE affiliates were called to the convention, which will be open at 10 a.m., October 19 at the Woodlake Inn, Sacramento.

State COPE Secretary John

F. Henning told them the meeting will be "for the sole and exclusive purpose of acting upon the directive from President Meany."

Meany earlier ordered trusteeship and suspension of the Colorado Labor Council for its endorsement of Democratic Presidential candidate George S. McGovern. The Colorado body this week blocked the order in court.

California COPE's action at its September 8 pre-general election endorsing convention was not a McGovern endorsement but Meany held it too violated the AFL-CIO executive council's policy. The council voted July 19 to make no Presidential endorsement.

Henning told the California convention that "we live by the rules of the AFL-CIO" and said

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There's a job for you at COPE

Alameda County COPE opened its Oakland headquarters this week and sent out a card for volunteers for whom, it made clear, the stretch drive to the November 7 election would furnish plenty of work.

COPE headquarters at 595

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ORIGINAL DEFECTIVE

'Equipment loans' can trap you

By **SIDNEY MARGOLIUS**
New government regulations permitting savings associations to make unsecured loans up to \$5,000 for major appliances and built-in equipment can prove to be a disaster to unsuspecting homeowners.

These so-called "equipment loans" involve many of the products that already have been used by high-pressure sellers to bilk naive homeowners and even renters out of millions of dollars.

These products include burglar and fire alarm systems; wall-to-wall carpeting; central vacuum cleaners; storm windows; garbage disposals; high-priced draperies; freezers, and other equipment.

FHA home-improvement loans and banks' own modernization loans already have been the vehicle for overcharges for these and other types of equipment.

NOW, EVEN MORE loan facilities have been made avail-

able for long-term installment buying of sometimes unneeded and often over-priced equipment. So think twice if a salesman comes to you and suggests that you get an "equipment loan" for an expensive installation.

That these loans can cover burglar or fire alarm systems is especially bad news since these products are currently being used for scare selling. For example, one selling organization advertises: "If an intruder tried to enter your home while your wife was there alone, what protection would she have?"

Another fear ad showed a man climbing through a window says, "Are you next on the list? He may be a professional burglar, a juvenile delinquent, a dope addict, a psychotic."

In some cases the alarm systems which were claimed to automatically call the police turned out to be inexpensive bell systems, poorly installed at that, for which anxious families

signed contracts to pay \$14 to \$18 a month for 36 months—a total of \$500 to \$650.

OFTEN CONSUMERS are trapped into such overpriced purchases because they let a salesman or dealer arrange the financing for them. The new equipment loans, as well as the older FHA Title I property improvement loans, might be useful in some cases if you arrange for the loan yourself and then comparison-shop for the products you need with the cash in hand.

The FHA "Title I" loans are likely to be lowest in cost. The maximum rate is \$5.50 per \$100 on the first \$2,500 (a true annual percentage rate of about 11 per cent), and \$4.25 on the remainder up to \$5,000 (an annual percentage rate of about 8 per cent).

It's an open secret in the lending business that some families even take out improvement loans on the pretext of

using them for fixing up homes but use them for other purposes such as consolidating bills.

They do this because they often can get lower finance charges and longer terms than with personal loans (up to five years on some home-improvement loans).

FHA Title I loans usually are available from credit unions, banks, and savings associations. However, some banks and associations push their own home-improvement loans.

Banks' own home-improvement loans, as well as the new equipment loans, are likely to cost you 25 or 50 cents more per \$100.

One reason for the probable higher rate for the new equipment loans is the "skip potential" in some types of merchandise eligible for such loans, such as appliances and wall-to-wall carpeting, one loan executive confided.

But even the new savings-as-

sociation equipment loans cost less in finance charges than dealer and mail-order financing.

This usually amounts to annual rates of 18 to 20 per cent on home appliances, rugs, draperies and similar goods, or approximately 15 per cent on more permanent equipment such as built-in kitchen cabinets, built-in ranges, garbage disposals, airconditioning systems, wall-to-wall carpeting, and storm doors and windows.

Also watch out for extra charges for credit life insurance. Spiegel's is out with its new catalog and offers to "safeguard" you for "just pennies a month."

More specifically, this is 16½ cents a month for each \$100 of your original balance. They don't bother to tell you that this comes to \$2 a year. Such insurance is really worth about 30 or 40 cents a year per \$100.

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Why imports mean lost jobs



Protect your job—Look for the Label!

Twenty cents per hour for 50 hours per week is the wage for apparel makers, machine operators and textile workers in the Far East. They make many of the foreign imports which flood our markets and force our industries to shut down. American wages of \$3. or more per hour can't compete with these low wages and the modern machines which multi-national corporations have shipped to foreign shores.



You can help protect your job from this kind of competition by looking for the union label in everything you buy. You also will know you are buying products which measure up to higher U.S. standards of safety and health protection. If you purchase women's and children's apparel which carries our label, our 450,000 members will be able to buy the products or services which you provide.

LOOK FOR THIS ILGWU LABEL WHEN YOU BUY WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S APPAREL

Labor Council opposes Props. 17-18

The Alameda County Central Labor Council has voted to oppose Propositions 17, the initiative measure to reinstate the death penalty, and 18, the so-called obscenity initiative which the council found could outlaw such classic art as Michelangelo's statue of David.

Proposition 17 on the November 7 ballot would restore the death penalty for four crimes and would allow the Legislature to require execution on conviction of any crime — including minor offenses — opponents of the measure have pointed out.

And, as drafted by Attorney General Evelle Younger, Proposition 17 would forbid the courts to review legislation imposing the death penalty under due process, equal protection or other classes of the California Bill of Rights, State Senator George Moscone, chairman of California Against Proposition 17, has declared.

"In effect, if Proposition 17 passes," Moscone's statement declared, "the state Legislature could impose death sentences for trivial crimes, administer them in a non-humane manner or reduce the minimum age for executions without any oppor-

tunity for the courts to interject safeguards guaranteed by California's Constitution."

Proposition 18 on the November ballot, while claiming to protect morals of minors, makes 80 per cent of its prohibitions relate to what adults can look at or read, the Labor Council executive committee found.

"It is so broad that it makes it a crime to depict one single photo of the nude body," the executive committee analysis noted. "This provision could ban many Academy Award films, art books, encyclopedias and many other books and works of art which are clearly not obscene."

COPE jobs open

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Sixteenth Street are open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays with mailing, phoning and everything else needful on the agenda for volunteers.

COPE's efforts are coordinated with campaigns of COPE-endorsed supervisor candidate Tom Bates and other COPE candidates.

Bookbinders set Moore pact vote

Members of Bookbinders Local 3 at Moore Business Forms in Emeryville have approved a new agreement, retaining the 35-hour week and raising pay, and final approval is up to a special Local 3 membership meeting next Sunday.

In lengthy negotiations, management had asked to increase straight time hours, first to 40 a week and then to 37½, citing competing firms' moves to areas with lower wage and longer hour standards.

Negotiations began in February and were snagged for months, chiefly over the hours issue. Strike sanction was voted by the Alameda County Central Labor Council and placed in the hands of Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx.

Council Assistant Secretary Ed Collins assisted in final negotiations in which agreement was reached.

The new contract is to run

three years, retroactive to last February 1. Moore members voted 38 to 1 to approve it.

The general membership meeting on ratification is set for 1 p.m. next Sunday, October 8 at the Berkeley House, 920 University Avenue, Berkeley.

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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR **\$20 bills**

Let him talk it can't hurt them

The Republicans may have lost one of their basic areas of support.

This thought arises from my observation last weekend in Berkeley of a trio of Little Old Ladies, dressed as if for church.

What attracted my attention to them as I pulled up behind their car and perforce had to slow down since they were proceeding at customary Little Old Lady speed, was a McGovern sticker in the rear window.

I trailed them at well below the speed limit for four or five blocks until their car pulled to the curb.

As they got out I saw that the Little Old Lady who was driving wore tennis shoes.

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LITTLE OLD LADIES in tennis shoes are what Howard Jewell indicated made up a substantial part of the right wing in his classic quote quite some years ago.

As I remember it, he was a deputy state attorney general when he coined his classic in a legal paper in connection with some kind of suit.

If the particular Little Old Lady in tennis shoes whom I observed represents a trend away from Tricky Dick by the crowd to which Jewell referred, it can only be because he is too tricky.

This candidate whose campaigners refer to him only as the president (or have you seen any Re-elect The Tricky Dick bumper strips lately?) wants the right wing's support.

(In this connection, it is reported that a somewhat lesser public officer than the one who holds the presidency has taken a leaf from the latter's book.

(In his long and checkered career in a boondock county's politics, he has stood for many things at many times and he feels that it is catching up.

(So he adopts the dignity-of-office pitch demonstrated by Tricky Dick and I am told his bumper strips read:

(Re-elect the Dogcatcher)

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TRICKY DICK woos the right wing by opposing busing, proposing Supreme Court candidates who are tainted by the white supremacy malarkey and constantly taking four-square and vigorous stands against crime and behind your local police—while, of course although he does not mention it, his ballyhooed anti-crime operations do not stop crime from increasing.

But in his effort to woo non-right wing votes too he has actually lost some of his right wingers.

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IT IS MY opinion that he is heavily counting on a carefully prime timed endorsement by George Wallace to cut these losses, but I doubt that it will.

Tricky Dick is actually in a quandary. He fervently desires to have Wallace and other rightists behind him but he also feels he must go to Peking and Moscow to pose as a peacemaker in an election year.

Despite his claims to support government efficiency and economy, he has piled up the biggest budget deficit since the monumental crisis spending which paid for World War II.

Despite his once firm position against government interfer-

ence in "free enterprise" industry, he found as an election year approached that he must look as if he were controlling inflation by what is perhaps the weirdest set of "controls" ever imposed.

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SO HIS pursuit of right wing votes cannot drown out the sound of his pursuit of non-right wing votes.

That latter sound was so loud in the ears of some 900 members of the California Republican Assembly that they walked out in protest at Nixon policies. The seceders included the entire Orange County CRLA board.

They call for "Responsible Republicanism," which means a retreat to the social-economic policies of the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover administrations and would be political suicide for any candidate.

My advice to the protesting right wingers is, however, not to go by appearances. Tricky Dick does not mean it.

Because however he looks in his campaigning, the fact is

Berkeley pays—strike is off

Berkeley city officials agreed to expedite the raises won in last summer's strike and backed up their agreement with cash to workers who had planned to walk out again if the pay boosts were not forthcoming.

Raises to members of United Public Employees Local 390 were paid in three installments, the second of which was in \$20 bills—apparently in testimony to the city's haste to make good.

As a result of the agreement to speed payment, members of Local 390 called off their decision to resume their strike September 25.

The strike by four unions ended August 1 but pay raises had not been paid by September 5. Workers then set the September 25 deadline and Local 390 Secretary-Treasurer Paul Varacalli asked talks with city officials.

that if they leave him alone, he will continue to talk out of both sides of his mouth but act only to the right.

In a conference September 20 with acting City Manager Paul Williamson, City Auditor Myrna Ashley and Labor Relations Representative Dick Biegel, Local 390 got agreement for:

1. Payment on September 22 of back raises from September 1, a \$33 payment for refuse collectors and \$20 for other employees. On the same date, current pay scales were raised to the new rates.

2. Another \$20 down payment on the back raises on September 25, the money that was passed out in \$20 bills.

3. Payment yesterday, October 5, of the remaining retroactivity for July 1 to September

1, a \$20 to \$40 payment.

Members of the three other unions were to get their retroactive pay yesterday.

Tham succeeds Al Brown as council secretary

Rudy Tham, secretary-treasurer of Teamster Freight Checkers & Clerical Employees Local 856, has been named to succeed the late Albert (Al) Brown as recording secretary of Teamsters Joint Council 7.

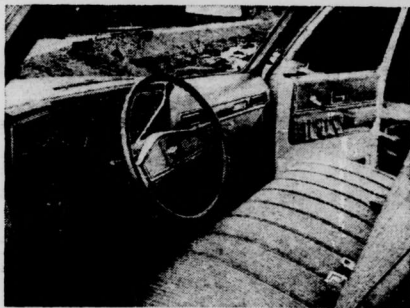
Secretary-Treasurer William F. York of Teamster Automotive Employees Local 78 in Oakland, succeeds Brown as Joint Council 7's representative on the Western Conference of Teamsters policy committee.

Brown, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Local 302, died September 5.

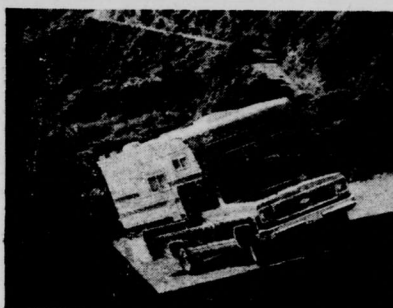
BTC agreements

New Alameda County Building Trades Council agreements have been signed by Marina Plumbing & Northern California Building Trades, BMW Construction and PWT Building Construction.

All new 1973 Chevy Pickups. Full of basic improvements you can see. And feel.



New quiet, new luxury inside. Comfortable new surroundings. A brand-new look. New flow-through ventilation provides a steady flow of outside air.



New available camper options include Eliminator camper steady package and rear stabilizer bars. We think they'll help make a Chevy camper rig behave like you want it to.



New Load-Control rear suspension system features leaf springs and repositioned shock absorbers, one angled forward, one aft. Ride improvement is substantial.

When we conceived the all new Chevy pickup, we concentrated on improving things we thought you'd consider most important.

We used a computer to design a new suspension system. Moved our massive Girder Beam front suspension forward to lengthen the wheelbase. Added Load-Control rear leaf springs. And we staggered the rear shocks.

Result: a noticeably smoother, stable ride plus a dramatic improvement in handling.

Inside, we created your own private quiet zone. With extensive sound insulation throughout the cab. And more head, hip, leg and shoulder room.

'73 Chevy pickups: our most comfortable, best riding and handling ever.

Chevrolet Building a better way to see the U.S.A.

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1972

Chips and Chatter

By Gunnar (Benny) Benonys

OPERATION PAPERBACK extends its thanks to Brother Ron Padgett, Local 194, Alameda, for his recent contributions.

Carpenters on our sick, injured and recovery list are Gary Evans, Lloyd E. Griffin, Roy L. Holder, Robert L. "Panama Bob" Johnson, Cloro Martinez, Olaf B. Myklebust, Paul R. Nunes, Allan J. Rogers, William Young.

Karl Ronnkvist and Oscar Decoudreaux have applied for their pensions.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS!

Brothers, we will have a special called meeting on Thursday evening, October 19, 1972 to discuss the Florida Carpenters Home situation.

It has long been the position of Local 36 that the Brotherhood should sell the land and buildings and put the money into the Pension Fund.

At the present time, the home is in such condition that it is just not feasible to repair it and continue its use. All members now housed there would be moved to other locations and cared for the rest of their lives.

The General Executive Board also recommends a "Yes" vote on the ballot proposition, which you will receive at the time of voting.

The October 19 meeting will provide for a full discussion of all the issues.

Friday, October 20, 1972 the polls will be open from noon to 6 p.m.

This is an important issue to all of us. I urge you to make every possible effort to get here Friday to cast your ballot in favor of the issue as recommended by your Brother members of Local 36 as well as the General Executive Board.

Spike and Vada Hastings, in San Luis Obispo say "Hello" to all the Brothers, says Brother Claude Dillon who visited them just recently. They also just celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary. They are blessed with 23 grandchildren!

Eugene and Etta Anderson will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary shortly. They have 9 children and 14 grandchildren.

Carl and Ellen Hill (he retired 10 months ago), just returned from a grand tour of several states, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois and Texas and several others. In San Angelo, Texas, wages are \$4.75 per hour with no fringes. Work picture is very slow in that area.

Edgar and Sybil Helsby will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary October 3rd, 1972.

Brother Bennie Karns just returned from Kansas, had to bury his mother, Jennie. She was 79 years of age. While there, he visited his brothers and sisters.

Long time retired member Bill Wentling and Vera, (now living in Fresno), say "Hello" to all the good Brothers. He was 86 in June.

Bengt H. Berggren just returned from a six weeks trip to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland. He reports that prices are high, there seems to be lots of work and taxes are equally high, same as here.

J. A. "Doc" Watkins and wife Clorin are taking a trip to the Southwest to visit and photograph the Indian ruins.

The "Old Timers" (those with 25 years or more membership) party notices have gone out to all concerned. Be sure to send your attendance card

back to the office so we'll know you are going to be there.

Uncle Benny heard that history credits Adam and Eve with being the first bookkeepers, because they invented the first loose-leaf system!

Li'll GeeGee, our office vamp claims many a wife thinks her husband is the world's greatest lover. But she can never manage to catch him at it!

The Carpenters Contract Pension Award Committee announces the following pensions:

Local 34, Bay Area: Clyde D. Chaney, Robert E. Burns, Arthur C. Huser, Lyle H. Jensen, Henry J. Luhtala, Kenneth E. Pierce, Justin F. Robinson.

Local 36, Oakland: William Belaich, Johnson Broomfield, Jack Carter, John E. Carter, Willis R. Charles, Oscar Decoudreaux, Leroy Edwards, Claude H. Griswold, Edwin Hinnenberg, Raymond F. Holland, Gust F. Isakson, Eugene M. McCassey, William M. Olson, Loy-al E. Powley, Reine M. Vernen.

Local 102, Millwrights: Albert R. Grissom, Sam T. Saric.

Local 642, Richmond: Floyd J. Matthews.

Local 1158, Berkeley: Flournoy Shepherd, Lester T. Thompson.

Local 1473, Fruitvale: Viano M. Fiori, Ernest A. Winge.

Local 1622, Hayward: Ben A. Bandurraga, Jack C. Branson, Everett A. Carpenter, Lee Davidson, Daniel S. Freeman, Raymond L. Freitas, Robert R. Hern, Robert F. Hoffman, Fred H. Loomis, Joseph Montagno, Jr., Erle C. Ogle, Knute M. Olson, Hubert R. Rushing, Vernon T. Schiager.

Local 2046, Martinez: Jack T. Arnold, Erik S. Askeroi, Earl E. Coffey, Virgil T. East, Jason A. Evans, Robert F. Harpman, Lonnie F. Miller, Dimas E. Perry, John D. Prettol, Leslie E. Rowe, Roger W. Schultz, Neal D. Webb, Victor B. Wood.

Pre-retirement death benefits were paid to Mrs. June Prunetti, widow of Albert Prunetti, Local Union 1473, Oakland.

Total pension awards to date, 9,258!

See you good Brothers at the next union meeting?

Govt. Employees 3

By Bruce Groulx

Many members complain how unfair and cruel the world is. And that is all they do, just complain. If you really want to make changes in the world then you must have the courage to stand up for what you believe and fight back.

This is the only way you can do something to improve the condition of the world, fight back. Words alone accomplish nothing, but words backed up with action can accomplish something.

The Union is here to fight back and accomplish its goals. But you must help by supporting the union. Then the Union has strength to achieve its goals.

Remember you are the Union and its goals are your goals. So, stop just complaining and start acting, find out how you can build a better, stronger Union.

The negotiation at Treasure Island has boiled down to just three areas of contract. These areas are Access of the Union Representative to the work areas, two 15 minute breaks per day and the payment of the cost for dues deduction.

All other areas of the contract have been settled. Once a settlement has been reached a

ratification meeting will be held so the T.I. members can vote on their new contract. It will be necessary for all T.I. members to attend this meeting.

If you have any problems or questions don't hesitate to call the union. The number is 763-1255.

Barbers 134

By Jack M. Reed

Brothers, William Ratley, member of the San Jose Local won a Gold Medal in the individual competition in Paris, France. Joseph Di Franco, member of the San Francisco Local, Shoichi Mogi and Sam Wiggings from the southern part of the state, each won silver medals in the individual competition. All of the above Stylists are members of the California and the United States Champion teams. They placed 2nd and won the Silver Cup in the team competition.

These men are to be congratulated. They achieved the above results without the use of their own models which is a feat in itself.

Plans are being formulated for a Barberama Show which will include booth demonstrations by leading artists, which will be sponsored by manufacturers of hair care products, plus workshops which will have our Champions as instructors and sponsored by our California State Association.

The tentative date of this show will be on Sunday, January 21, 1973, at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco, California. As a member of the planning committee, I will keep you posted on this event. Circle the above date on your 1973 calendar.

To date over 600 members of Locals throughout the United States and Canada have taken out Automobile Insurance under the Barbers Plan with the St. Paul Insurance Inc.

I may have forgotten to state that, although there are many branches and claim offices of this company, the only way that you can get the group rate is by dealing directly with the main office whose address is St. Paul Companies, Inc., 385 Washington Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102. Upon request they will mail you a questionnaire and application. After you mail back the information on your status and the coverage desired, they will inform you what the cost of your premiums will be. Be sure to state that you are a member of this Local and want the Barbers Group Plan.

The September issue of the Journeymen's Barber Magazine contains the complete order of Judge Steckler regarding the distribution of the Pension Fund payments.

It is expected that this decision will be appealed by some of the Members who started to collect their pensions. It is hoped that the 7th Court of Appeals will uphold the Judge's order. Meanwhile the fund is growing faster than the cost. Although it is and has caused much consternation, it does ensure each member of getting more of his contributions returned.

NOTICE!!!!

We have NOT been able to rent a hall in the Labor Temple large enough to accommodate the number of members who will be present to vote on the price and dues raise at our regular October meeting.

THEREFORE WE HAVE HAD TO CHANGE THE DATE

OF OUR OCTOBER MEETING.

THE OCTOBER MEETING AND DUES RAISE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 25, 1972, IN THE LABOR TEMPLE ON THE THIRD FLOOR.

At our September meeting a motion was made, seconded and passed to go on record endorsing Senator McGovern and Sargent Shriver in the upcoming election.

Watchmakers 101

By George F. Allen

The membership at their September 21, 1972 meeting voted unanimously to accept a three-year extension of the present agreement with the following economic settlement:— 39c per hour increase the first year; 30c per hour increase the second year and 27½ per hour increase the third year. The union will decide how the increase is divided each year, i.e., between wages, Health & Welfare and Pension.

The settlement was worked out after numerous meetings between the Bay Counties Jewelers Guild, Granat Bros. and the Union's Negotiating Committee. The Amendment to the agreement becomes effective October 16, 1972 and expires on October 15, 1975.

The membership at the September 21, 1972 meeting voted to divide the 30c increase due this year as follows:—25c per hour increase on wages; 2½c per hour increase on Health & Welfare and 2½c per hour increase on the pension.

We have a problem with one of the chain Retail Jewelers that we hope can be settled without economic action. To protect the Union Agreement and the member's jobs, the membership voted to strike this one employer if the Industry-wide agreement is not signed.

Strike sanction, with the International approval, has been requested from the various Central Labor Councils that we are affiliated with.

The Amendment to the agreement has been mailed to all employers in the industry, requesting they return signed copies prior to October 15, 1972.

Meetings will be held in San Francisco and San Jose on Monday morning, October 16, 1972, for those employees whose employers have not signed the new Amendment. This is in accordance with the Union's policy of "No Contract—No Work".

Dental Technicians 99

By Leo Turner

Do we really have seniority protection under our contract?

This question applies equally to both the dental assistants and the technicians contracts since the wording is the same. I am talking about the situa-

tion where an employer has more than one lab or office under the contract.

This problem has become emphasized recently as a result of transfers of employees by Dr. Campbell's office. The most recent situation involved a dental assistant who was told to transfer from San Leandro to Oakland while an employee with only a few weeks of service remained in San Leandro. This matter is now being discussed with Dr. Campbell's representative.

The contract states: "An employee's seniority is defined as length of continuous service with the Employer. This shall not be construed, however, as permitting an employee to exercise his seniority rights except in the establishment in which he is employed, and provided he has the ability to perform the available work."

Another section of the contract provides for the right of the employer to transfer employees from one establishment to another. What makes this even worse is that while the Employer insists on the right to transfer, the employee has no right to request a transfer even if they are being laid off from their places of work and other employees with less or no seniority are working in other establishments of the employer!

It is my opinion that this issue will have to be settled by an impartial arbitrator if it can't be settled through the grievance discussions.

Don't forget the Local meeting this Friday, October 6th, 8 p.m. at the Del Webb Towne House, 8th & Market Streets, San Francisco!

Typographical Auxiliary

By Elizabeth Fee

Women's Auxiliary No. 26 will hold its annual bazaar at Foothill Square, 106th Avenue, Oakland, October 6 and 7.

Handmade articles and baked goods will be on sale to raise funds for activities planned by the auxiliary.

Regular business will be conducted on October 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. James Episcopal Church, 12th Avenue and Foothill Blvd., Oakland. Bring your sandwich.

Sheet Metal 216

By Keith & Jim

The warnings that have recently been sounded by the officers of this Local regarding attacks and erosion of working conditions should give each of us cause for reflection.

While there have been a couple of incidents in recent years, by and large, members of this Union have enjoyed over 30 years of peaceful progress. If one individual can stand out as a major contributor to this enviable working situation it would probably be Brother Lloyd Child, our former Busi-

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ness Manager. His interest, foresight, and dedication to his fellow Sheet Metal Workers leaves every member in his debt.

One of the hardest things for a hard working man to do is to say Thanks. We earn our way and waste no time on sentiment.

Local 216 has decided in the case of Brother Child to make an exception. We are going to hold a Testimonial Dinner for him on Friday, October 20, 1972 to show him our Thanks. We ask every member to make a special effort to join us at this dinner, to meet the Sheet Metal crowd and add your good wishes too.

Reservations must be made and confirmed so get your answer in now. Mrs. Thomas at the office of Local 216 has been of much help already and can give you any details you lack. We'll see you on the 20th.

For the past several weeks we have been telling all the members that to be employed the majority of the time you have to be well qualified to hold your jobs.

One way you can do this is by attending trade schools and taking classes which will further your knowledge of your trade.

These classes are in Journeyman Layout, welding of all types, gas, arc, heliarc, and wire machine; Blue Print Reading; Refrigeration, and many others. Well members, we did it again, at the last registration two weeks ago, there were 31 registrations for the Journeyman Layout class of which there was only one member from our Local and one member from our production local.

You all know the old adage, "The Lord helps those who help themselves." You better take notice because it will not be long before they discontinue these classes and then what can anyone learn more about his trade without the actual job-site training?

I would like to thank all the members and their wives for their get well cards and notes of encouragement while I was in the hospital. It not only helped me but the members of my family as well. You will never know just how much it helped with my recovery. Thanks again everyone, it's good to be back to work.

Keith returned to work last week after spending two weeks in traction in the hospital. He injured some nerves in his back and at present he has to wear a back brace. When you see him don't be surprised at the new look, it's just his brace that tucks it in so you can't see it.

If any of Local 216 members are contacted by a representative from the University of Texas, I would appreciate it if you would give them a couple of minutes of your time. They are making a comparison of journeymen who have served an apprenticeship and those who have not. This has been sanctioned by our International President Edward J. Carlough. —Fred W. Harmon, Business Manager.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK —What is the value of experience if you do not reflect upon it?—Frederick the Great.

A good Sheet Metal Worker can do anything. Our craft is unique in that it is so varied that in order to be a GOOD Sheet Metal Worker one has to be able to do anything.

I don't want anyone to get

the wrong idea and think that I'm talking down to them. It's just that this past week I've had a lot of time to think about things. I began to realize that Local 216 has from 900 to 1,000 of its members that work steady from year to year. The rest of its members have periods of unemployment from time to time, some of which runs into several months and don't let anyone make you believe that these periods of unemployment are necessarily because of the slack season, many times in the past year we have had well over 100 men out of work we have received requests from employers for a particular type of mechanic that we could not come up with.

We call the members that are out of work and they themselves refuse the jobs because they tell us they can't do them.

Did you ever wonder why some mechanics that you and I both know never miss a day's work. Do you think that these people are just lucky? I'm afraid not; these people from the very beginning have been applying themselves day by day constantly striving for more knowledge and skills of the trade.

It is very difficult for anyone to single out certain individuals in any organization and say that these people are better craftsmen than the other members. I for one happen to believe that many facets of our trade stem directly from bench work.

It's really been amazing to me that so many of our members absolutely refuse to have anything to do with bench work. Most of them act like you've said a dirty word when to ask them to take a bench job in the shop.

I know that most members have been given some background in layout or bench work because that is the way the apprentice schools are taught.

Remember those days—draw the project one night, make it the next?

Could it be that after some of our people get that Journeyman's Card they feel that that is as far as they CAN progress in the trade? Or maybe they feel that once they receive a Journeyman's Card that is as far as they HAVE to progress in the trade.

If some people feel this way, then I'm very much afraid that from now on they are going to find tough sledding. If I am reading the future correctly most of us are going to have to start putting our noses back in a book once in a while and maybe some night courses along with it.

Remember that old saying about the rotten apple in the barrel? Well, if I am reading the future correctly, there just won't be any rotten apple. He won't get hired in the future under the wages that are going to be paid.

I have told this membership several times now that our trade is changing very rapidly, especially the installation of larger jobs.

Just to give you an example, Blue Cross Building, 22 stories, downtown Oakland. One of our contractors has done the whole thing with a huge crew of from five to seven men including the foreman. If this information doesn't open your eyes, it should — five to seven men? 22 story building?

Sheet Metal Layout is not that difficult, it's just like everything else; it requires a little time and effort and a little concentration.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "A man must crawl before he can walk."

Members of the Western

Laundry union endorses McGovern

The Laundry & Dry Cleaning International Union executive board, meeting in San Diego,

voted unanimous endorsement and full support for Senator George McGovern for President of the United States.

International Union President Russell R. Crowell, who also is president of the Ala-

meda County Central Labor Council, cited the McGovern voting record on issues affecting American workers and their families and condemned Nixon for violating the sanctity of the American collective bargaining process.

Carpet Workers to elect VP

Members of Carpet & Linoleum Workers Local 1290 will elect a successor to Leno Russell as vice president at their regular meeting Thursday, October 26.

Contesting to serve the remainder of Russell's term, which runs until regular elections in June, are Vince Oxley and Lee Schoenenberger.

Russell has retired from the trade and resigned as vice president after serving five years in the post.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m., October 26 in Hall C of the Oakland Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

States Death Benefit Fund, Death Assessment 730 is now due and payable.

Regular membership meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

COPE fetes volunteers; Donna wins

COPE's 110 volunteer workers at the Labor Day picnic were COPE's guests at a thank you dinner at the Bella Napoli restaurant in Oakland.

Winner of a portable color television set at the dinner was teenaged Donna Hirsh-

berg, daughter of Bookbinders Local 3 Recording Secretary Ted Hirshberg.

Donna and the other 109 young and adult volunteers manned the booths and handled operations of the picnic September 4, biggest in the event's 15-year history.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

Auto & Ship Painters 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

AFSCME-EBMUD 444

The next membership meeting will be held on October 12, 1972, and the executive Board will meet October 5, 1972.

Both meetings will start at 7:30 p.m., and will take place at the labor temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,
MANNY PONTES,
Secretary-Treasurer

Amalgamated Crafts & Trades 322

Regular meetings held first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Room H, Third Floor.

Fraternally,
VERN DUARTE,
Financial Secretary

Barbers 516

The next regular union meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 1972 at 8 p.m. in Newark Square Barber Shop, 5600 Thornton Avenue, Newark California.

Fraternally,
AL DOYLE,
Secretary-Treasurer

Barbers 134

The next regular meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1972, at 8 p.m. in the labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE ON THE ABOVE MEETING.

By unforeseen circumstances we have had to make the above change to get an adequate sized hall, so be AWARE that the THIRD READING AND VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE DUES AND THE RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE PRICE OF SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1972. PLEASE ATTEND AND MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hayward Carpenters 1622

SPECIAL CALL MEETING
Referendum Vote
Carpenters Local 1622
1050 Mattox Road
Hayward, California

Thursday, October 26, 1972, 8 p.m.
The question is: Shall the U.B.C.J.A. keep the Carpenters' Home in Lakeland, Florida or shall we dispose of it?

Your vote is needed! Please come in and vote! October 26, 1972, 8 p.m.

Our new contract in booklet form is now available at the Finance Office.

Want to know what's happening? Come to your union meetings!

Regular meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at the hall, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, California.

Pay your dues at the Financial Secretary's office. It is open at 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. On Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon.

Members who move should inform the local union of their new addresses.

Fraternally,
CHARLES WACK,
Recording Secretary

MOVING? ? ? ? ?

You are required to keep the office of the Financial Secretary notified of your correct place of residence.

Failure to do so, and when mail has been returned to the office, a \$1.00 penalty will be imposed.

This enforces Section No. 44, paragraph I of the General Constitution.

Fraternally,
DELBERT BARDWELL,
Financial Secretary

Carpenters 36

The regular meetings for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 2400 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Refreshments are served by the Ladies Auxiliary immediately following each meeting.

2. The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m. Phone 540-3465.

3. The Old Timers Luncheon will be held on Saturday, October 14, 1972 at Goodman's Hall, 10 Jack London Square, Oakland. No host cocktails will be served between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Luncheon will be served at 12:45 p.m.

4. A special called meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on October 19, 1972 to discuss the issues concerning the disposition of the Carpenters Home in Lakeland, Florida.

5. A referendum vote will be held on Friday, October 20, 1972 at the hall, 2400 Enterprise Way, Oakland from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on the following proposition:

"Shall the General Executive Board and the Board of Trustees, upon taking steps which in the judgment of the Board Members will provide proper care for all present occupants of the Carpenters Home in Lakeland, Florida for the rest of their natural lives, be authorized to discontinue operation of the Home and to sell, convey and encumber the Home and real estate on which it is located?"

Fraternally,
ALLEN L. LINDER,
Recording Secretary

Alameda Carpenters 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evening of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following each meeting in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

Fraternally,
WM. "BILL" LEWIS,
Recording Secretary

Berkeley Carpenters 1158

On Thursday evening, October 19, 1972 there will be a SPECIAL CALLED meeting to vote on a SPECIAL REFERENDUM, on whether to continue to operate the Carpenters Home at Lakeland, Florida or to discontinue operation.

Please try to be present at this meeting. Upon adjournment refreshments will be served.

Regular meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley, California.

NOTICE
When sending in your dues by mail, please send to Wm. Mahaffey, 2315 Valdez Street, Room 220-A, Oakland, California 94612.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

Retired Carpenters Club

The next meeting of the Club will be held in the halls of Carpenters Local 35, San Rafael, at 1 p.m., Thursday, October 12.

We are hopeful of a further report from our Attorney at that time, guest speakers to be announced later, and Brother Campbell promises a fine luncheon shall follow the meeting. Further information will be coming to all members prior to above date, mark your calendars. Hope to see you then, and do bring a friend, everyone welcome.

Fraternally,
L. D. (LARRY) TWIST,
Recording Secretary

Dental Technicians 99

The regular meeting of Local 99 will be held Friday, October 6, 1972, 8 p.m. at the Del Webb Towne House, 8th & Market, San Francisco. The meetings were changed from the first Wednesday to the first Friday in the hope that this would enable a greater number of the members to attend. It is to be hoped that this will result in better attendance at this meeting!

Fraternally,
LEO TURNER,
Business Representative

Carpet & Linoleum 1290

Election for vice president will be held at the regular meeting, 8 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 1972 in Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Candidates are Vince Oxley and Lee Schoenberger.

National Conference Deaths are now due and payable through NC 439. Also, \$3.50 is due for Brother Isaac Dover who passed away August 3, 1972.

Because of the increase in our Health and Welfare premiums, we are printing some advice from our Administrator:

Some things you can do to help keep insurance costs from increasing, and the price of your health benefit plans from increasing:

Discuss fees with your doctor. Don't ask for unnecessary care. Get hospital care only when you need it.

Check your doctor and hospital bills to be sure you received the services for which you were billed. Errors do occur.

Know your plan and claims procedures. Fill out claim forms accurately.

Unnecessary correspondence increases the cost of administration.

Your plan has only the money it receives in contributions from your employer. When it pays out more in benefits and necessary operating costs than it collects in premiums, the premiums have to be increased or the benefits have to be reduced, something no one likes. You can have a big part in controlling these costs.

Fraternally,
BOB SEIDEL,
Recording Secretary

Iron Workers 378

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

OUR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS HELD ON THE 2ND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 8 P.M.

Millmen's Union 550

Regular membership meetings are held on the third Friday of each month, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Room 208, Oakland, California 94612.

Those members who are laid-off from work are reminded to sign the out of work list each week. The new list goes up each Friday and is good through Thursday night.

Fraternally,
ODUS G. HOWARD,
Financial Secretary

Plumbers & Gas Fitters 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gas Fitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 1972 at 8 p.m. in Hall A, first floor of the Labor Temple Building.

ORDER OF BUSINESS
1. Regular order of business.
Be sure to attend this very interesting and informative union meeting.

The next regular union meeting for the month of November will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 1972 in Hall A, first floor, Labor Temple Building. The special order of business will be the nominations of delegates to attend the California Pipe Trades Convention or any other convention held during the year 1973. The election for these conventions will be held Friday, December 1, 1972 in Hall 229 on the second floor of your Labor Temple. Polls will open at 8 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. After the polls close at 8 p.m. we will hold our regular December union meeting in Hall A.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Business Manager and
Financial Secretary.
Treasurer

Printing Specialties 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
TED E. AHL,
Secretary

Printing Specialties 678

Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward, California.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM PRENDEBLE,
Secretary

OFT ends boycott of school council

Union teachers this week ended their boycott of the Oakland Certificated Employees Council and applied for membership to demonstrate the CEC's ineffectiveness in comparison with real collective bargaining.

The Oakland Federation of Teachers acted after the Oakland Education Association, still the sole organization in

CEC, had agreed on a 1 per cent pay raise for teachers, OFT President Walt Swift said.

Meanwhile, representatives of the new Confederation of Oakland School Employees, set up by OEA, OFT and five other employe groups for action on pay, at OFT's request and discussed possible action.

OEA was absent, Swift said, but other organization groups agreed to poll their memberships on terms of the agreement.

OEA acceptance — without an OFT vote — puts the raise in effect for OFT members. Other organizations were offered the same terms but rejected them, Swift said.

The union teachers expect that their membership total will entitle them to two and possibly three of the nine seats on CEC.

CEC, set up under the state Winton Act, is allowed to "meet and confer" with school authorities over teacher pay and conditions but there is no requirement for collective bargaining or agreement.

Where American Federation of Teachers members are majorities and AFT controls the CEC, there has in effect been collective bargaining, Swift said.

As a CEC member, Swift said, the union will seek whatever gains are possible while demonstrating the difference between "meeting and conferring" and bargaining.

School Employees 257

The regular meeting of the Oakland, California Unified School Employees Local 257 will be on Saturday, October 14, 1972 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be at Franklin School, 915 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland. The Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m. in the Teachers' Lunch Room. All Executive Board members please note the time of meeting.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Executive Secretary

Sheet Metal Workers 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
FRED HARMON,
Business Manager

Steelworkers L.U. 7616

Regular membership meetings are held the second Saturday of every month at 8 a.m. at Eagles' Hall, 1228 Thirty-sixth Avenue, Oakland, California.

Fraternally,
ESTELLA STEPHENS,
Recording Secretary

U.C. Employees 371

Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday, October 14, 1972 in Room 155, Kroeber Hall at 2 p.m. This meeting will be preceded by the Executive Board meeting at 12 noon.

Let's have a large turnout. Nomination of officers for the coming year will take place during the October meeting.

Fraternally,
J. J. SANTORO,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC Federation of Librarians 1795

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10, 1972 at 12 noon in room B2 of the Golden Bear restaurant, Berkeley campus. Please bring your lunch. Coffee will be served.

Fraternally,
KENNETH LOGAN,
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It's absolutely clear— Nixon's unacceptable

Newspaper reports do not quote the nine building trades union general presidents who have announced support of Richard Nixon as to their reasons except that they find Democratic Presidential candidate George McGovern unacceptable.

If this is their only reason, it does not justify endorsing a man whose whole public life has been as an enemy of working people and organized labor, a supporter and follower of big business.

From long before the time his five-figure slush fund from oil companies was disclosed 20 years ago until the present moment when he is holding down workers' wages, boosting employers' profits and letting prices rise out of control, Nixon has been anti-labor, anti-working people.

While McGovern is accused of a bad vote on the union shop, Nixon boasted that he was not only a supporter of the Taft-Hartley Act and its anti-union shop Section 14 (b) but that he helped write it.

McGovern, with a 93 per cent good vote record in Congress on the AFL-CIO's own tally, certainly cannot be more unacceptable than Nixon.

Nixon set an 87 per cent BAD record—only 13 per cent acceptable—in all the years in which he held office as congressman, senator and vice president.

As president, he is openly lined up with Wall Street and big corporate power against working people.

As president, he sought and still seeks great power of his own to overrule the liberties of working people and the whole American people.

His latest move is to ask Congress to give him its legislative power to decide on what public money is to be spent by deleting on his own motion various items from money bills.

He long has sought from Congress the right to impose compulsory arbitration so that working people will take what a government-appointed arbitrator gives them in their union contracts—with no right to vote on contract terms.

A spokesman for Nixon has made it absolutely clear that if Nixon gets power to cut down money bills by selectively deleting their items, he will cut down on the government's already inadequate programs against poverty, illness and bad housing.

In contrast, while he continues an unconstitutional war by illegal exercise of executive power he continues to call for more money for the military.

He is a big business president, a big business candidate.

Certainly, his lifelong enmity for working people makes him as unacceptable as any candidate can be.

These are urgent problems

As candidates and other politicians tell us what they consider the nation's urgent business, we suggest that voters judge them on their approach to such items as the following.

These are the urgent problems afflicting the nation and the East Bay:

- We breathe air which will kill us if smog is not cured.
- Poverty and unemployment are an unending blight. While the nation's jobless rate has for years been high, it is even higher in the East Bay.
- There is much "law and order" talk by those in office, while the crime and drug addiction rates increase.
- Prices outclimb the feeble ability of controlled wages to match them.
- Working people pay too much in taxes while wealthy individuals and corporations pay far less than their fair share—sometimes paying nothing.
- We are still saddled with the burden of an undeclared, expensive war, which kills human beings abroad, promotes inflation and denies us the means to cure our real problems at home.



Nixon asks power to rewrite laws

Richard Nixon got his way in the House Ways & Means Committee which voted 20-5 to approve his request for a rigid spending ceiling—with a free hand to him to determine what items would be cut out of legislation sent him by Congress.

The bill—which the AFL-CIO warned would mean drastic cutbacks in funds for jobs, health, housing and schools—now goes to the House floor.

More than the threatened loss of social legislative goals, AFL-CIO Legislative director Andrew J. Biemiller warned, is the bill's threat to constitutional separation of power.

"It is incredible," he charged, "that any Congress could irresponsibly grant to any president such a license to rewrite serious legislation and destroy government programs at will."

"Worst of all, the scheme would undermine America's historic system of checks and balances. Congress cannot and must not abdicate its constitutional responsibilities for political or any other reasons."

Earlier it had been made clear that Nixon plans to use his proposed spending ceiling to cut back federal programs against poverty, illness and bad housing—possibly wiping out manpower training.

Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Charles E. Walker was quoted in the New York Times as confirming that he had told a bankers group that those would be Nixon's targets if Congress enacts the ceiling bill he asks.

Nixon wants the bill to give him power—never before granted by Congress—to exercise a "retroactive item veto," deciding what programs to cut out of bills passed by Congress.

Times reporter Eileen Shanahan wrote that Walker confirmed an account of a talk he gave to a private meeting of the executive committee of the American Bankers Association.

He listed as his prime candidate for a spending slash the multi billion dollar manpower program which Walker said was too costly because it had

only cut unemployment by about 400,000 persons.

The news story also quoted him as saying that a number of housing and health programs also were ripe for cutbacks.

And, although some Administration officials disagree with his use of the term, Walker told the bankers that the spending ceiling would give the President the equivalent of a "retroactive item veto."

Appropriations bills customarily include earmarked funds for a variety of programs—and

Congress has repeatedly refused to give presidents the power to veto a single part of a bill without vetoing the entire legislation.

Under the legislation Nixon has asked Congress to enact, spending during the fiscal year that started July 1 would be limited to \$250,000,000,000, the amount of the budget estimate.

To hold the total spending figure—which includes outlays for social security benefits and other mandatory programs—to that level, the President would be authorized to decide which programs were to be cut back.

Letters to the editor

Spying on people

Editor, Labor Journal:

I certainly appreciated your wiretap editorial of September 22, 1972. The Nixon administration is a true reflection of the old Nixon who was one of the stalwarts of the Joe McCarthy attack on civil liberties.

Bugging, wire tapping, dossiers, no knock raids, picture taking, and political espionage are an integral part of the Nixonian view of political life. Four more years of Nixon-Agnew would be a disaster for our country.

Fraternally,
GEORGE C. SANDY
Western Graphic Arts
Local 14

Faults Meany

Editor, Labor Journal:

George Meany hangs like an albatross around the neck of labor. This testy, stubborn old man hypocritically pretends neutrality in the presidential race. This neutrality is a fraud as the case of the Colorado Federation shows. To equate Nixon to McGovern is to overlook the consistent reactionary

performance of Nixon and the superb record of George McGovern. The defeat of Nixon, whose California campaign manager is none other than the notorious anti-labor governor of this state, should be the first order of business for organized labor.

Of course, the twattle about labor records is a dodge to disguise Meany's devotion to the military-financial rulers of America. In his appearance on "Face the Nation" Meany made plain the real reason for his opposition to McGovern. It is the senator's fight against the military pork barrel. Meany complained about McGovern's stand against the handout to the war profiteers in the aviation industry.

CIA-agent Meany still supports the mass murder of the innocents in Vietnam. The leaders of Hitler's Labor Front were tried as war criminals for their part in the killing of innocent persons. Is it unreasonable to think that their American counterparts will delay as long as possible their day of judgment?

CHARLES WALSH
Watchmakers Local 101

'No on 22' drive launched here

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fight against the measure. Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s suit in Sacramento superior court to throw it off the ballot was set for next Thursday, October 12.

Brown charged at least 63,000 of the petition signatures which qualified Proposition 22 were forged or obtained by such fraudulent claims as that the grower-sponsored anti-worker measure was sponsored by the farm union would raise wages in the fields or cut food prices.

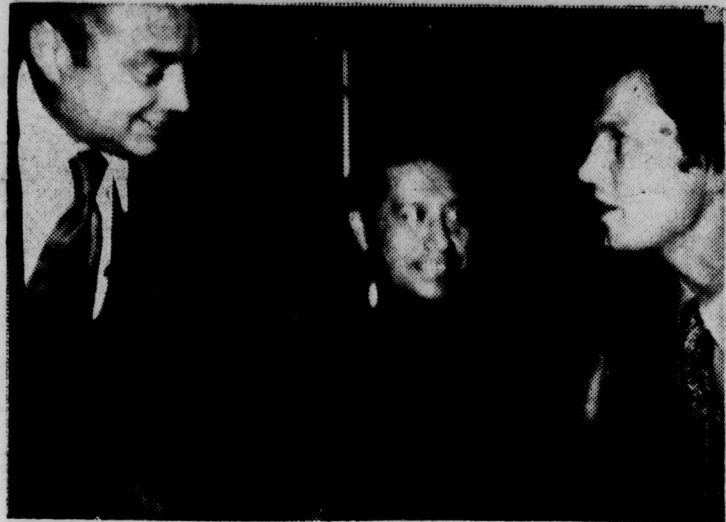
Chavez told the East Bay meeting that the number of fraudulent names has risen to more than 65,000—with names on some petitions all in the same handwriting.

Not only is its claim of elections a fraud, Chavez said, but it eliminates effectively the right to strike and outright bans boycotts—including the constitutionally-guaranteed right to ask consumer boycotts at retail institutions.

It allows an employer to get a court order delaying any strike 60 days—even when there is no strike but the grower thinks one is threatened.

"Why a 60 day delay, not 30 or 40 or 45?" he asked.

"Our survey has found that 98 per cent of California's 192



PROPOSITION 22 must be defeated or it will destroy, first the United Farm Workers, then the rest of the California labor movement, UFW Director Cesar Chavez, center, told Alameda County Central Labor Council's anti-22 rally. He's shown prior to his talk, conferring with Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx, left, and COPE-endorsed candidate for supervisor Tom Bates who opposes the anti-labor proposition.

major and minor crops can be harvested within 60 days," he answered himself.

Under Proposition 22, union or worker infractions, including late showup or early quits in case of rain which could be called strikes, would be crimes, punishable by jail and fines.

Employer violations, however, would be non-criminal unfair labor practices adjudicated by a board named by Governor

Reagan.

Also addressing the mass meeting crowd were COPE-endorsed candidates Tom Bates, seeking election as supervisor; Senator Nicholas C. Petris, Assemblymen Ken Meade and Robert W. Crown and Fortney P. (Pete) Stark, seeking election as Eighth District Congressman.

All urged a battle against Proposition 22.

N. Cal. unionists hail McGovern

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you could afford it. The tax laws would make it possible.

"But if you're a carpenter, a plumber, a machinist, a teamster—or anyone who works—if you work for the money you live on you can't afford to vote for Richard Nixon and Mr. Agnew for president and vice president."

McGovern devoted much of his address to the questions he—and, he stressed, the voters—would be asking Nixon if the latter would appear in person in the campaign instead of remaining aloof while front men speak for him.

"I'd like to ask Mr. Nixon some questions that Hubert Humphrey and I have thought of, if he would get out of the White House where he sits atop his Gallup poll, basking in his glory . . .

"He should be among the people answering questions. When I hear his 35 to 40 hatchetmen who are going around the country—at the taxpayers' expense—telling this thing or that thing they say is wrong, you'd think they think I was

the one who was in the White House these last three and one-half years and is accountable to the people for what has happened.

"I'd like to ask Mr. Nixon, 'When will you tell us the names of those big interests who put up your secret fund of \$10,000,000 to pay for your re-election?'

"More important, I'd like to ask him, 'What promises did you make in return for that \$10,000,000?'

McGovern noted that Social Security recipients would soon get a 20 per cent benefit increase and "the president is going to put in a little note with the checks telling them how pleased he is—although the increase was enacted by Congress over the strenuous objections of the White House."

"I'd like to ask him," McGovern said, "why you're taking credit in October when you did everything in your power in July to see that the proposal was defeated?'"

In a reference to the announcement by nine building trades unions general presi-

dents of their individual support for Nixon, McGovern declared:

"To those who are in the building trades, this administration singled you out for the number 1 target of its misguided economic policies. I'm amazed at how short some memories are. Why, he said the building tradesmen caused inflation and their wages had to be held down, their raises cut back . . ."

The Democratic candidate said one question he would like to ask Nixon is:

"Why do you hold the lid on the income of the people who toil, whose wages are frozen or severely controlled, and call for an eight and one half billion dollar tax bonanza to big business and to the very wealthy and most powerful?"

Nixon's vaunted "law and order" program is a complete bust, McGovern said, noting a 33 per cent increase in the national crime rate since Nixon took office in 1969 and doubling of the number of drug addicts in the same period.

Union wins promotion, back pay for EBMUD worker

An arbitrator agreed with union arguments and restored to an East Bay Municipal Utility District employee the promotion which management had made and then rescinded on grounds that his physical condition would not allow him to handle the job "with vigor."

Arbitrator Sam Kagel recommended that Lonnie Cagle be immediately given the post of maintenance foreman and get back pay from April 1 at the higher pay rate.

The arbitration case was prosecuted by President Alton Williams Jr. of AFSCME-EBMUD Local 444. Kagel's decision was advisory but EBMUD General Manager J. S. Harnett concurred, placing it in effect.

Cagle, a senior maintenance man, was told on March 9 that he would be appointed foreman but on April 5 he got a letter from his immediate boss telling him the appointment was being held up and on April 18 he was told he would not get the job.

Management's reason was Cagle's disability rating received from the state Workmen's Compensation Appeals Board for a job-caused back injury.

But Kagel declared:

"... the facts do not show that the disability rating is rationally connected to the duties that Cagle is to perform as maintenance foreman, in light of his past work experience."

Kagel noted that Cagle had

successfully handled the jobs of maintenance man and vacation relief foreman and the arbitrator added:

"It can be presumed and the evidence shows that there will be less physical exertion in the maintenance foreman position than in the senior maintenance man position."

And, Kagel pointed out, physicians' reports indicate that Cagle's condition would impose "virtually no significant restriction" on his performance of foreman work.

"In short, the disability rating has nothing to do with his job or his application for a promotion to the job based upon the physical duties of the job in question," Kagel noted.

Carpenters 36 to honor old timers

Carpenters Local 36 will honor its longtime members at its annual Old Timers Luncheon, Saturday, October 14.

Local 36 has invited 797 men—all of its members who have at least 25 years Carpenters membership. Some have more than 50 years and a handful have been Carpenters for 60 or more years.

The luncheon will be held at Goodman's Hall, 10 Jack London Square, Oakland, starting with no-host cocktails from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with lunch at 12:45 p.m.

Meany bans 'beat Nixon' stand by California COPE

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that a challenge to AFL-CIO policy was not involved. Were state COPE to make such a challenge, he said, the result would be divisive and destructive.

"A call for the defeat of one candidate is equivalent to endorsement of the other," Meany wrote.

He noted that the statement adopted by California COPE declared that "America cannot afford another four years of the Nixon presidency" and concluded that "the good of labor and nation requires the defeat of Richard Nixon in the presidential election of November 7."

Pointing out that the AFL-CIO Executive Council "determined on July 19 that the AFL-CIO would refrain from endorsing either candidate for President" and that he had subse-

quently advised all AFL-CIO state and local central bodies that it would "not be permissible for them to make an endorsement," Meany said that in his judgment the September 8 convention action "violated the AFL-CIO policy against endorsing either candidate."

The Colorado council this week got a temporary federal court injunction blocking trusteeship and scheduled a special convention to act on ratification of the McGovern endorsement, twice voted by its executive board.

Meany suspended the Colorado council charter and all council officers for violating AFL-CIO rules governing state central bodies and engaging "in a course of conduct which is detrimental to the best interests of the AFL-CIO."

Meany's decision and order were based on the report of three hearing officers. They concluded that the Colorado AFL-CIO had violated the rules, acted against the best interests of the Federation, and failed to "conform the policies" of the Colorado body with the policies of the AFL-CIO.

Meany's suspension order applies to Council President Herick S. Roth and Secretary-Treasurer A. Toffoli as well as all members of the Colorado Council's executive board.

Meany appointed as trustee Daniel J. Healy, AFL-CIO regional director for Illinois and Iowa, and ordered him "to take charge of and conduct the business of the Colorado council during the period of suspension."

Roth said the council was "relinquishing nothing" and the officers would not accept suspension. He indicated the council would fight the order in court.

Cranston to speak Oct. 29 at Plumbers' fund-raising lunch for Tom Bates

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sure Bates of the finances for an effective finish for his campaign.

Local 444 Business Manager & Financial Secretary-Treasurer George A. Hess noted that Bates proposes that the county get into job-producing activity to cure high East Bay unemployment.

County-federal sponsorship of construction to create jobs and training for jobs which actually exist are among Bates' platform planks.

Bates has noted that of the \$135,000,000 total county-state-federal budget for welfare, the county has put up only \$50,000 of its own funds for training

to get people off welfare and into jobs.

That \$50,000 includes such corollaries as baby care and transportation costs for trainees and should be vastly increased, Bates urged.

Better health service and county savings would be possible if Highland Hospital were made a community hospital, attracting more physicians, and if the county remedied faulty billing for federal and state Medicare and MediCal service, Bates has noted.

Bates stresses his intention of being a fulltime supervisor, whether or not Measure B to boost supervisorial pay passes.

He opposes the measure as too costly and because it does not require fulltime service nor outlaw conflict of interest.

Bates won 41 per cent of the vote cast for nine candidates for the Fifth District supervi-

Plumbers here back McGovern

Plumbers & Gas Fitters Local 444 voted unanimously last week to endorse Democratic Presidential candidate George S. McGovern's campaign to turn Richard Nixon out of the White House.

The union action was on a motion from the floor of the membership meeting and no opposition was voiced in discussion.

orial seat at the June primary, outpolling his nearest rival 27,000 to 7,000.

But he must run off at the November 7 general election because he did not get an absolute majority.

Proponents noted McGovern's 93 per cent record of good Senate votes on the AFL-CIO tally against Nixon's skimpy 13 per cent as Congressman, Senator and vice president.

McGovern's good record also was contrasted with Nixon's performance as president in vastly increasing unemployment while prices and profits climb.